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FOR A/SY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIKEOS FROM AMBASSADOR VAKY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES BY DISTINGUISHED VENEZUELAN

REF: (A) CARACAS 2977 (B) CARACAS 3716

1. THIS MORNING MR AQUILES ROJAS (REFTEL B) CALLED THE EMBASSY IN AN AGITATED STATE AND ADVISED THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO MIAMI LAST WEEK WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DIEGO ARRIA, THERE HAD BEEN NO SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED OF ANY NATURE. ROJAS VOICED AMAZEMENT THAT HE HAD NOT EVEN RECEIVED A COURTESY CALL FROM THE MIAMI POLICE NOR INTEREST IN THE FACT THAT HE HAD ENTERED THE US ARMED AND ON A PROTECTIVE ASSIGNMENT.

2. AN IDENTICAL SITUATION OCCURRED LAST MONTH UPON THE RETURN TO VENEZUELA BY FORMER PRESIDENT BETANCOURT (REFTEL A). HIS CHIEF OF SECURITY, MAJOR EDWARD POCATERRA CALLED THE EMBASSY TO SAY THAT THE REQUEST FOR SECURITY WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY HAD NOT BEEN ACTED UPON. ADDITIONALLY, POCATERRA, HIS DEPUTY AND THE FORMER PRESIDENT CARRIED HANDGUNS INTO NEW YORK STATE WHICH COULD HAVE CAUSED A HIGHLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION WITHOUT USG SECURITY OR POLICE COORDINATION.

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3. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN INQUIRY INTO THE ABOVE REQUESTS FOR SECURITY COORDINATION. REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE WILL NOT BE MADE UNLESS THE EMBASSY IS SATISFIED THERE IS A NEED. IF IT IS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR IPS, WHILE IN THE US, I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED. I MIGHT SUGGEST THAT IF MAN-POWER RESOURCES ARE NON-AVAILABLE FROM SY OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS,

THAT A MINIMUM THE VISITORS BE MET UPON ARRIVAL AND
FURNISHED WITH APPROPRIATE NUMBERS TO CALL IN THE EVENT OF
AN EMERGENCY.
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